



## **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

Meeting of March 24, 2021

Via Zoom

### **Attendance:**

Elaine English  
Leonard Foster  
Tracey DeMerchant  
Joe Weston

### **Regrets:**

Jim Kennedy  
Carl Rattray  
Keith Helmuth

### **Staff:**

Barb Sharp (Waste Diversion Manager)

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Elaine English.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Tracey DeMerchant and seconded by Joe Weston.

No Opposed

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Joe Weston and seconded by Leonard Foster to approve the meeting minutes from August 27, 2020.

No Opposed

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Business Arising:**

- Barb Sharp gave an update on food and beverage carton recycling which began on January 1, 2021. The first bale prepared in February was 1235 lbs for recycling.
- Barb Sharp shared that the recycling facility contract with J.S. Bellis Ltd. (FERO) is under final review by Jonathan Goodine, Legal Counsel, and Katelyn McGrath, and will be shared with the Committee once received. The final contract does not need to be presented to the full Board, as they already agreed to the RFP selecting J.S. Bellis as our contractor.



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- Eight of the nine remaining recycling depots have been relabelled to include “cartons” as an accepted material. The last one will be updated soon. All nine depots had the internal dividers removed to allow for more material to fit inside.
- A letter was sent to the Skiff Lake Cottage Owner’s Association (SLCOA) stating that the recycling depot currently located in the Village of Canterbury will not be moved to their dumpster beautification spot as it currently meets the needs of the broader population in its current location. Should the cottage owners wish to further explore recycling they can contact J.S. Bellis directly.

### **New Business:**

- A letter from the Chair of the Fundy Regional Service Commission to the Minister of Environment requesting legislation regarding a provincial bag reduction ban was reviewed.

A motion was made by Leonard Foster and seconded by Joe Weston to send a letter of support to the Minister.

- Barb Sharp shared that the pandemic has been a catalyst for growth and change in our region, with an increased number of out-of-province families moving to our area and burst of new developments, primarily in Woodstock, both of which prompted questions about the need for additional blue tip carts. Barb will reach out to each municipality and other RSCs to find out what their plans are, if any, around population growth and waste management.

**It was moved by Leonard Foster to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 pm.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elaine English".

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Elaine English, Chair